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RESIDENTIAL AIDS LICENSED FACILITIES PROGRAM

What we do:

The Residential AIDS Licensed Facilities (RALF) program administered by the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV Care Branch, is designed to help address the ongoing operational subsidy needs of HIV/AIDS facilities licensed under the Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill licensing category.

Who we serve:

RALF provides or maintains adequate residential care for persons living with HIV/AIDS who are in need of high levels of care and treatment services, with emphasis on the needs of the HIV-positive homeless population.

What you should know:

The RALF program annually supports the provision of over 100,000 bed nights for persons living with HIV/AIDS, which allows them to remain in a residential setting as opposed to transferring to a hospital or nursing facility.

Helpful resources:

- For information about HIV/AIDS, call:
 - *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Website <http://www.AIDShotline.org>.
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Website <http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm>.
- For information on facility licensing see the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Website <http://www.cclid.ca.gov>.
- For more information on OA's mission, OA programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.

